

(b) if so, when and the salient features of the survey ; and

(c) if not, when the survey is likely to be conducted ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Catering In Railway

3185. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that out of 7083 stations in the country, catering facilities are available only at 3014 stations; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken provide catering facilities at all the remaining stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Catering /vending facilities are provided at those stations where provision of such facilities is found justified. The factors taken into account for providing catering/ vending facilities at any station are volume of

passenger traffic, number and timings of stopping trains, demand from the passengers, etc.

Pesticide Residue In Foods

3186. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether research studies have confirmed that traces of high pesticides remain in food stuffs;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of food items tested, analysed and the pesticide contamination level found therein with the acceptable limits thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps proposed to be taken to make the food items free from the pesticide residue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Under a pilot project on surveillance of pesticides, a total of 1132 samples of different articles of food were analysed for detecting the presence of pesticide residues. Out of these Samples 1,093 samples showed the presence of pesticides. However, the residues of the pesticides were within the acceptable limits in most of the samples. Pesticide contamination level found in these samples along with acceptable limits are as follows:

<i>Name of Pesticide</i>	<i>Acceptable limits (mg./kg.)</i>	<i>Level of contamination (mg./kg.)</i>
DDT	0.1	0.000 to 1.1
BHC	0.25	0.00 to 1.47
Dieldrin	0.01	0.00 to 0.8
Endosulfan	0.1	0.00 to 0.24
Heptachlor	0.01	0.00 to 0.03